

## ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- New investments in regions and local collaboratives to support communities across California to implement economic and workforce development strategies
- \$600 million to create the Community Economic Resilience Fund, \$200 million to support career pathways for home care workers, and \$100 million for High Road Training Partnerships (HRTPs)
- \$65 million for job training and \$185M for youth employment opportunities

California's recovery is underway, with the state reopened after achieving the most vaccinations in the entire country, and now we're <u>leading the nation's economic recovery</u>. But we still have a long way to go and can't be satisfied with just returning to the way things were. **Governor Newsom's** \$100 billion California Comeback Plan is the comprehensive strategy needed to address the state's most persistent challenges and ensure California comes back from this pandemic stronger than before.

The Comeback Plan sends investments to regions and local collaboratives to support communities across California in implementing economic and workforce development strategies that support the state as it emerges from the economic shock of COVID, while meeting the state's core commitments to equity, carbon neutrality, and sustainable economic growth.

This includes \$600 million to create the Community Economic Resilience Fund, targeted grants to plan and implement high road transition strategies, \$200 million to support career pathways for home care workers, and \$100 million for High Road Training Partnerships. The Comeback Plan also invests \$250 million in job training and youth employment opportunities.

In addition to these targeted intervention strategies, the California Comeback Plan has one overarching goal – hit fast forward on our state's recovery by directly confronting California's most pressing challenges:

- Providing Immediate Relief for Those Hardest Hit by COVID-19
- Confronting the Homelessness & Housing Affordability Crisis
- Transforming Public Schools as Gateways for Opportunity
- Building Infrastructure for the Next Century
- Combating Wildfires & Tackling Climate Change



## **KEY INVESTMENTS IN JOBS & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CALIFORNIA WORKERS:** The Comeback Plan includes investments in regions and local collaboratives to support communities across California in planning and implementing economic and workforce development strategies that support the state as it emerges from the economic shock of COVID, while meeting the state's core commitments to equity, carbon neutrality, sustainable economic growth, and the creation of high road jobs.

- \$600 Million to create the Community Economic Resilience Fund will target grants to each of the state's major regions to plan and implement high road transition strategies, with a focus on building the capacity for under-served communities to participate fully in developing a more sustainable, inclusive economy.
- \$200 million to support career pathways for home care workers allowing workers to obtain a higher-level job in the healthcare industry.
- \$100 million for High Road Training Partnerships (HRTPs). Builds on the \$25 million in the Governor's January budget proposal, adding \$75 million for a total of \$100 million for HRTPs. Many of these programs will target those industries hit hardest by COVID-19, such as hospitality and property services. Other partnerships will target industries in transition, such as advanced manufacturing, or those critical to the state's other policy efforts, such as health care, trade, transportation and logistics.
- \$10 Million for Housing Workforce Apprenticeships Expands existing High Road Construction Careers, connecting individuals to apprenticeships in the housing industry.
- \$65 million for job training. Supports training opportunities for new and incumbent workers and addresses skills gaps in economically disadvantaged regions. Further, these resources will allow the Employment Training Panel to provide training resources to industries it traditionally has not addressed, including health care, information technology and advanced manufacturing, as well as training targeted toward public sector jobs. Includes \$15 million to align and operate programs with the community college system, in partnership with the California Community Colleges Strong Workforce program.
- \$185M for youth employment opportunities, to be allocated or awarded to cities or counties for the purpose of expanding youth employment opportunities. This includes a 1:1 match for local workforce development funding.